

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 3-12 are being presented as a new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. The drawing Figures 3-10 and 12 have been amended. Appended to this amendment are annotated copies of the previous drawing sheets which have been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheets of the drawing.

The specific changes which have been made to the Figures are: changing the lead lines for items 9, 11, and 13 in Figure 3, and adding reference numerals to Figures 4-10 and 12.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 5 and 7 have been canceled.

New claim 18 has been added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4, 6, and 8-18 are now pending in this application.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to for containing informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the drawings render this objection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to for containing informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification render this objection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 16 and 17 are objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant respectfully submits that amendments to the claims render these objections moot and that claims 16 and 17 include features in addition to those recited in claim 1, such as a heating or air-conditioning device. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims render these rejections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0037918 to Lee *et al.* (hereafter “Lee”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a louver for an air-conduction housing of a motor vehicle air-conditioning system comprising a plurality of regions configured to provide air stratification, and wherein the plurality of regions are directly adjacent to one another and are subdivided by partitions which are part of the louver, wherein at least one of the regions is configured as a drum louver, wherein another at least one region is curved in a direction toward a pivot axis of the louver. Claims 1-7 and 12-15 depend from claim 1. Figures 11-14 of Applicant’s disclosure provide non-limiting examples of a louver with a plurality of regions 16, 17, wherein the region 17 is curved in a direction toward a pivot axis of the louver.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1988). See MPEP § 2143.03.

Lee discloses an air conditioning system with temperature adjusting doors 400, 500. See Lee at paragraphs 0048 and 0055. However, as shown in Figures 3-7 and 15 of the application, portions of the temperature adjusting doors curve in a direction away from a pivot axis 420 of the door, not in a direction toward the pivot axis of the door, as recited in claim 1. Thus, Lee does not anticipate claims 1-7 and 12-15 because Lee does not disclose all of the features of claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,264,971 to Dangauthier (hereafter “Dangauthier”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dangauthier discloses an air supply nozzle B for an outlet of a conduit C, wherein the nozzle B includes a cylindrical wall 1 and fins 7. See Dangauthier at col. 2, lines 14-37. However, the cylindrical wall 1 and fins 7 of the nozzle B do not curve in a direction toward a pivot axis of the nozzle B, as shown in the drawings of Dangauthier. Thus, Dangauthier does not anticipate claims 1-15 because Dangauthier does not disclose all of the features of claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claim 18 and 19 have been added. Claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over the prior art for at least the reasons discussed above and for their additional recitations.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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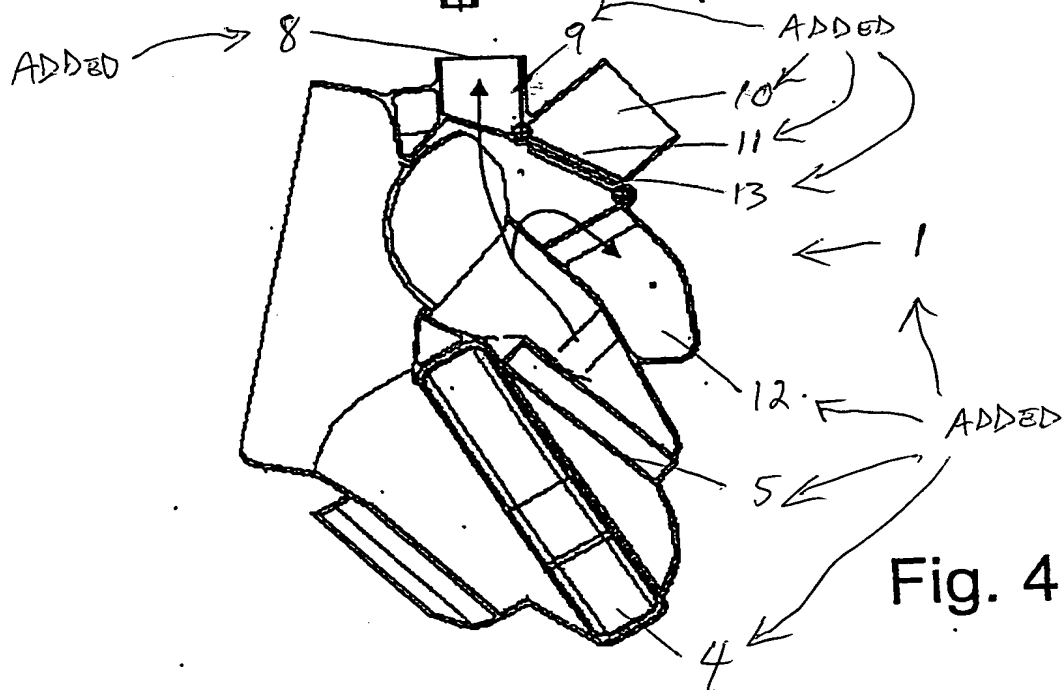
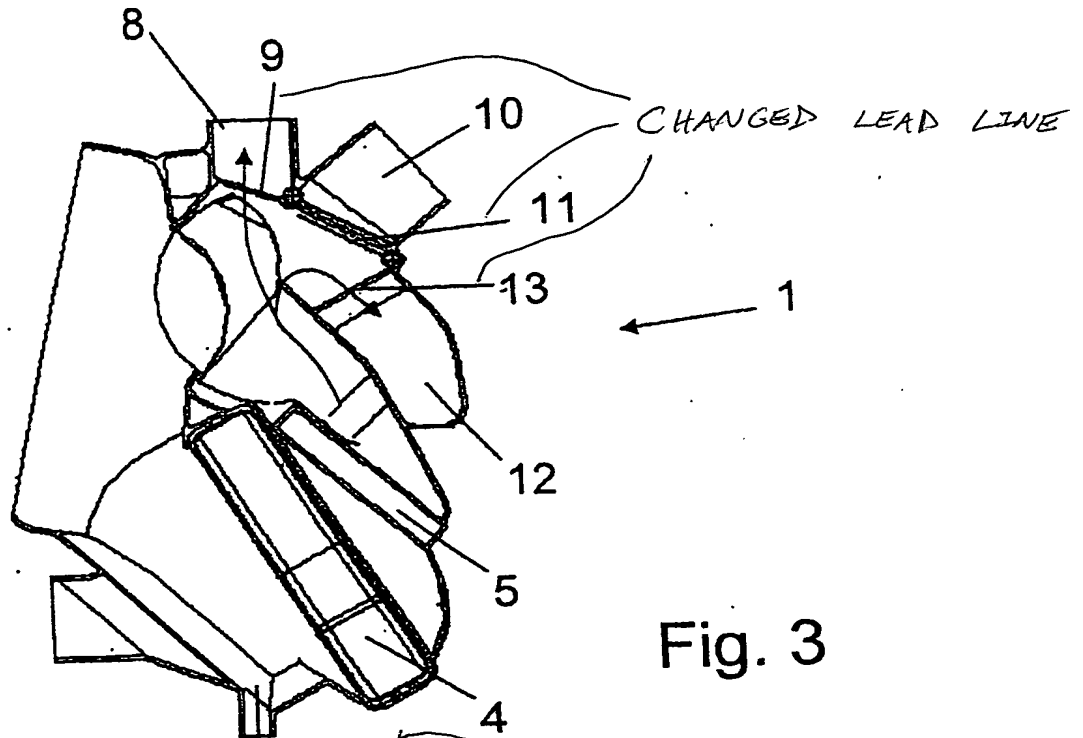
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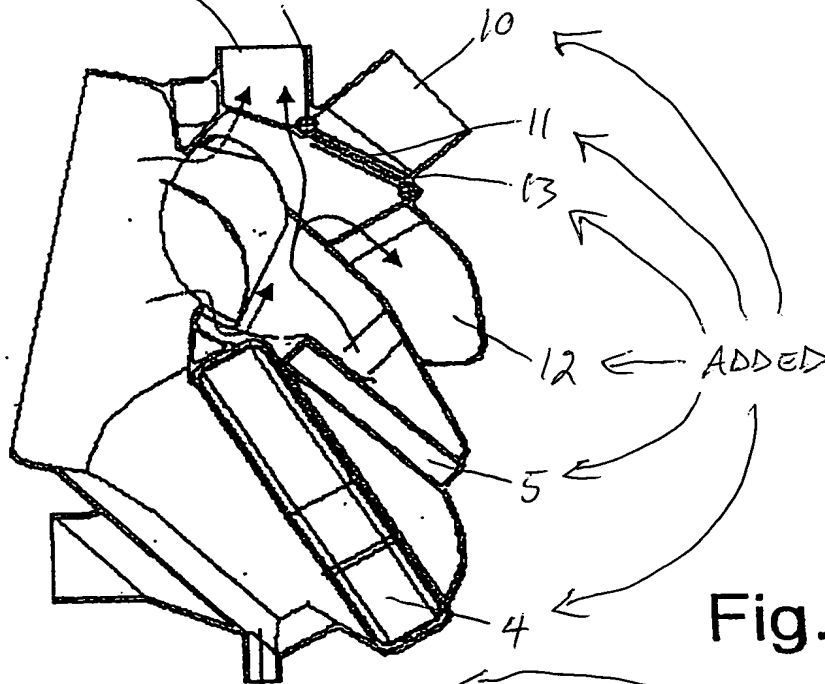


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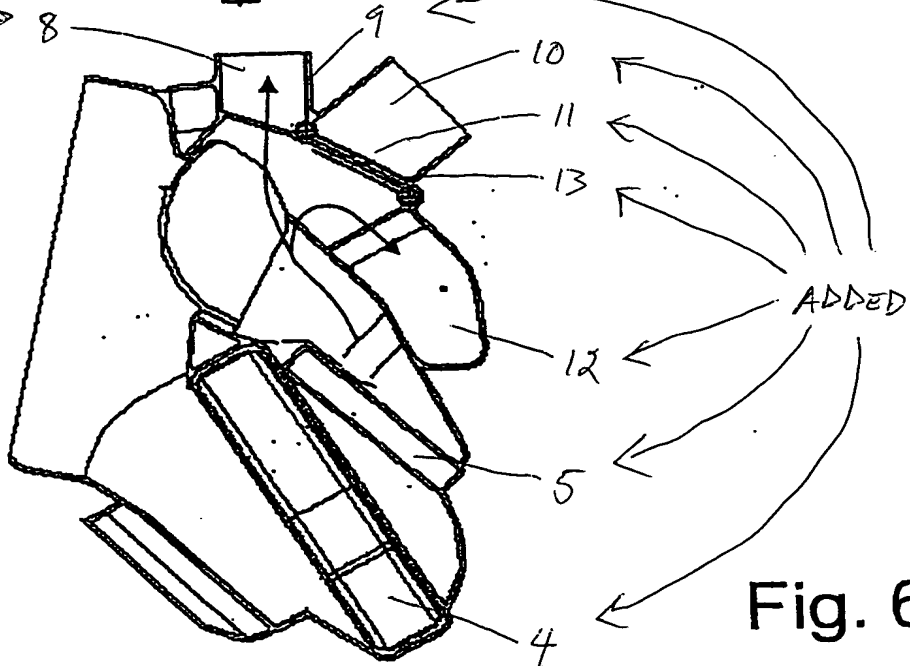


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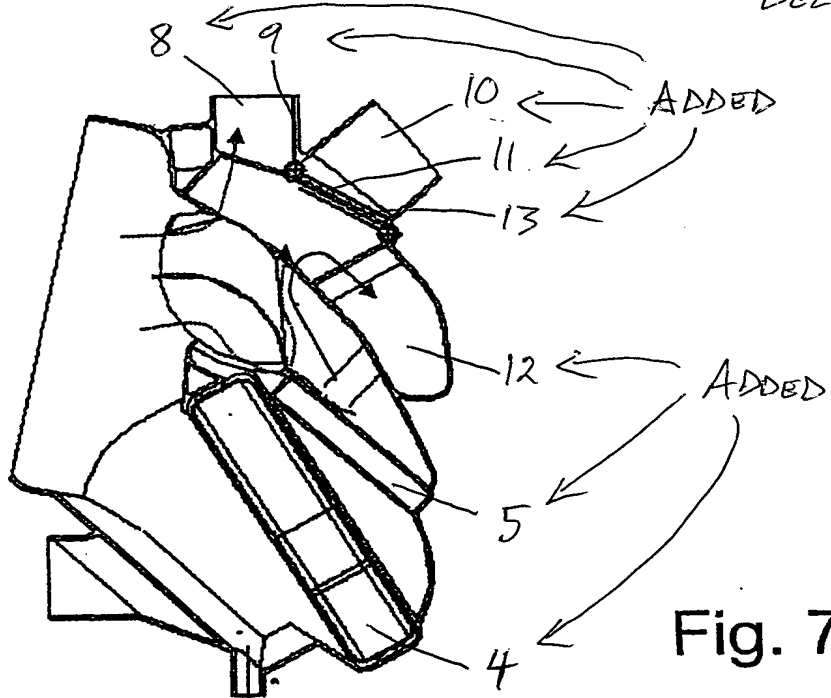


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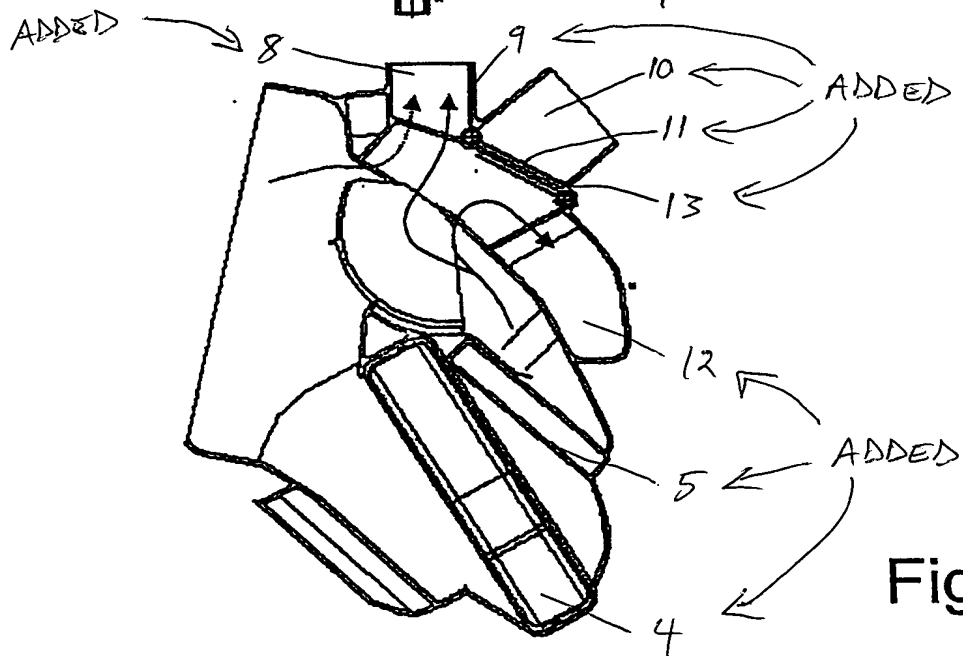


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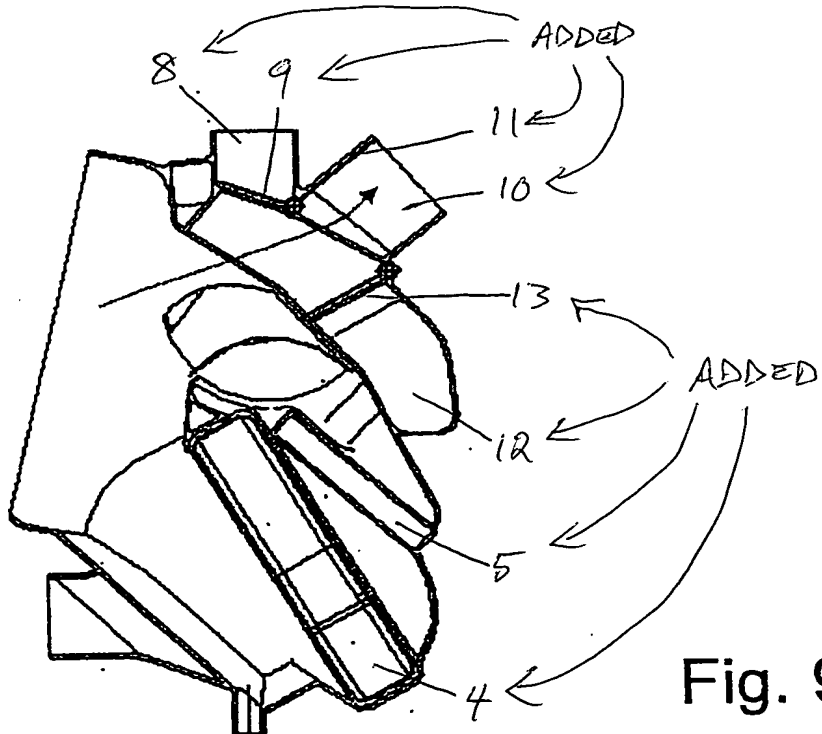


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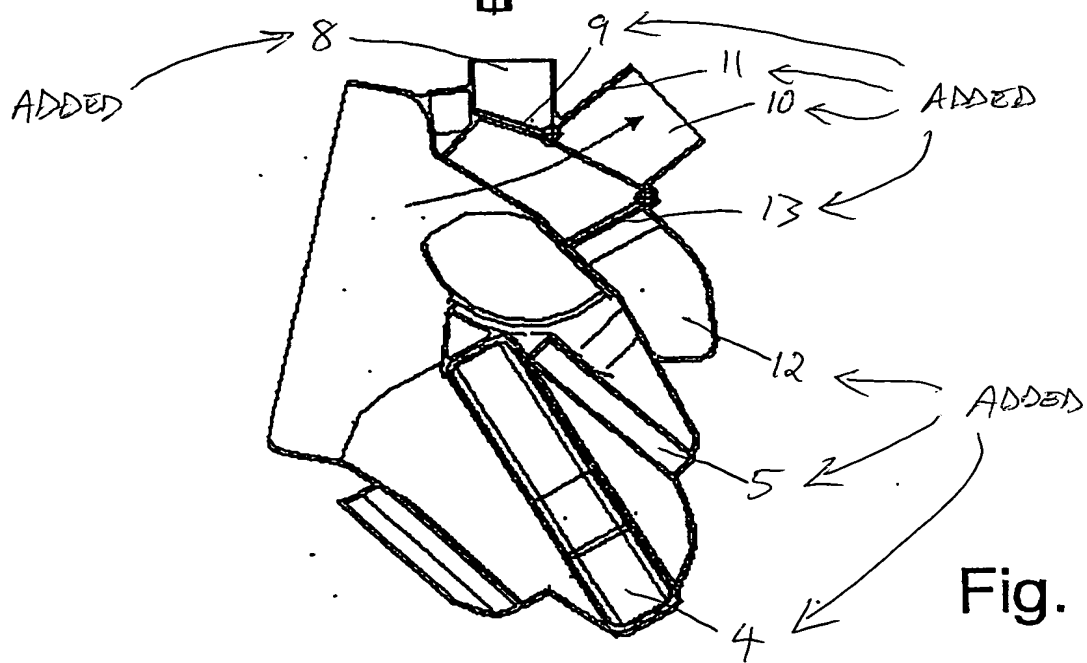


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